

## **Charles Ferdinand Johnson**

### **1850-1950 Centennial Biography**

Charles Ferdinand Johnson was born August 27, 1859 in Hurum, Norway, a son of John Johnson and Gorina Jorgenson.

His parents came to Utah in 1863, bringing him, one sister, and two brothers. Two sisters died on the trip; one while crossing the ocean which required nine weeks, and the other while crossing the plains. They endured many hardships on the journey. Another brother and sister were born in Utah.

Charles only had three weeks schooling education, but studied on his own at every opportunity.

The family was very poor and Charles went to work as soon as he was old enough, at Bingham and Park City mines.

He married Jane Pierce Chilton, August 15, 1881. From this union was born four girls and one boy: Mary Elizabeth, Inez Jane, Gladys, Alice Bird, and Charles Leonard.

After his marriage, he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad and operated a farm.

He lost his wife, August 31, 1945. At this time (1950), at the age of 90, he makes his home in Salt Lake City.

Besides his five children, he also has eleven grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.